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Matt. 27:62-66

World composed of three types of hearers of the gospel.

1. Ignorant. Utterly reject Christ. I Tim. 1:13 un-bel.  
 INT: 2. Cowards... Believe, afraid to obey. J. 12:42. dis-bel.  
 e. Honorable Believe. Faithful to Lord. Acts 4:20. Bel.  
 Jews would have buried Christ forever. Sad world indeed.  
 Christians duty: to bring life and light to the weary.  
 Ill. Fireman. "Give him a cheer". Knight P. 240

I. REASONS JEWS WANTED A GUARDED TOMB.

- A. Christ condemned their morals. Matt. 5:27-41.  
 B. Christ exposed their graft. Matt. 21:12-13.  
 C. Christ violated their traditions. Matt. 15:1-11.  
 D. He upset their religio-commercial apple-cart. John 4:21.  
 E. They wanted to live in the "old ruts" of digression-shame.  
 "Make the Tomb as sure as you can, Pilate."

II. APOSTLES JUST AS DETERMINED TO LET CHRIST LIVE AGAIN.

- A. Way to do it: Make your salvation sure. II Pet. 1:4-12.  
 B. Peter writing to Christians: "like precious faith". Vs. 1.  
 1. Why make sal. sure if already sure and could not fall?  
 2. Because it takes eternal diligence to be sure. Vs. 10.  
 3. Spiritual blindness possible after conversion. Vs. 5-9.  
 4. Entrance into eternal kingdom promised only to those  
 who make salvation as sure as they can.

III. PLAN OF SECURITY IS NOT COMPLEX-JUST TAKES A LIFETIME. 4-12

- A. Believe the promises made. Act accordingly. vs. 4  
 1. Promises made by Lord, fulfilled by the Lord.  
 B. Virtue must attend the faith engendered by the gospel.  
 1. Courage to stand by convictions once made.  
 C. Knowledge must be well-founded. Grounded in the truth.  
 1. Paul prayed for <sup>pleas.</sup> courageous, yet blind disc. Rom. 10:1-3.  
 D. Temperance must accompany knowledge. Life equal to doctrine  
 1. Intemperant Bible teachers like fish without fins.  
 E. Patience must compliment other virtues. Impatience has  
 taken its toll. Patient with others; own study-progress  
 F. Godliness is simply being like God. I may have been  
 baptized but was it truly into godliness?  
 G. Brotherly kindness suggests the second greatest command.  
 Matt. 22:39. Considerate and merciful. Make sal. sure.  
 H. Love denotes attentive, interested and desire to help.  
 All virtues without love will avail a man nothing.

IV. HOW CAN I BE SURE OF MY SALVATION?

Rom. 10:17

- A. Reexamine my faith. From correct source? Bible.
- B. Compare my life to the divine pattern.
- C. Honestly admit my failings and desire to do better.
- D. Appeal to Lord for all help one can get.

Jer. 1:5

INV: Paul was only sure of one thing: Christ. II Tim. 1:12.  
No one sure until Christ has been obeyed. B-R-C-B.

Erring: Christians can fall if not diligent. Vs. 10.  
Christ can redeem us after we have. R--P.

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